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actually making cuts but we're, rather, subsidizing our existing programs from federal dollars. And Senator Wehrbein is absolutely right. The money that we receive for the Medicaid program, the \$43 million under the Jobs Act, whatever, that was passed as part of the tax cuts in Washington, is intended for us to do exactly what we're doing. The question that I have for the committee, if they would indulge me, throughout maybe this afternoon or at least show me in their package the rationale for arriving at the numbers that they did. We're cutting some of the agencies only 1 percent, and if you follow through some of these agencies that have taken some cuts in the past two and a half years, that I'll admit readily some of the areas of cuts are minor, some of them may be a little more major than others, it probably depends on their ability to cash flow and to provide the services that are obligated under state law. But it appears that a majority of what's in the committee amendment aren't really cuts. They are reductions in General Fund appropriations. But I've heard Senator Bourne on the floor say that we need to reduce the size of government, and it appears to me that we can do that this session, or we can continue to do that, and that's a very difficult part of this process. But it appears that we're going part of the way by replacing the General Fund appropriations from the state, from our taxpayers on the state level, with some of the money that our same taxpayers are sending to the federal government that they have, in turn, generously donated back to us,...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...assuming we follow the guidelines that they pursue. But I guess I'm seeking the understanding of why we arrived at the percent that we did in some areas, recognizing the out years, recognizing those problems that Senator Foley and others have spoke on here. And so I guess I wanted to make sure that I was analyzing the information correctly. It's no mean to question their intent, but rather just seek an understanding of how they arrived at that process, recognizing the days and hours that they have spent trying to find some consensus within their committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Erdman. There are no